THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) There is no proposal at present to reduce the interest rate on Employees Provident Fund.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Employment rate

3056. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rate of employment is steadily on the decline during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, year-wise and major sector-wise since 1998;

(c) whether the reasons for the unemployment have been identified and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to reverse the trend and generate more employment opportunities in the various sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) As per National Sample Survey Organisation's (NSSO), surveys carried out during 1993-94 and 1999-2000, estimated employment in the organised and unorganised sectors for major States and All India on usual status basis are given in the Annexure.

(d) Main reason was that economy did not grow as expected and there was a decline in the job creating capacity of the growth observed in the economy.

(e) The approach to Tenth Plan focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities. Particular attention would be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential.

Government is also implementing special programmes for eradication of poverty and generation of employment. These include

Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SJGSY), Jawahar Gram Smriddhi Yojana (JGSY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Food for work programme. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) is also being implemented to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth.

Employment in organized and unorganized sectors for major states and All India

No.		Total Employ-ment '	Orga-nised Sector	Unorga-nised Sector	Total Employ-ment	Orga-nised Sector	Unorga-nised	Growth Rate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	**9**
1.	Andhra Pradesh	35899	1877.7	34021.3	36148	2071.6	34076.4	**0** 03
2.	Assam	8075	1069.3	7005.7	9357	1084.5	8272.5	2.81
3.	. Bihar	31328	1701.3	29626.7	36437	1613.9	34823.1	2.73
4.	Gujarat	19233	1701.7	17531.3	22931	1690.3	21240.7	325
5.	Haryana	6528	631.9	5896.1	7159	651.6	6507.4	1.66
6.	Karnalaka	22166	1530.4	20635.6	23599	1863.3	21735 7	0.87
7.	Kerala	11437	1198.1	10238.9	12444	1209.8	11234.2	1.56
8.	Madhya Pradesh	31634	1676.8	29957.2	34424	1593.7	32830.3	1.54
9.	Maharashtra	37933	3766.2	34166.8	41241	3759.8	37481.2	1.56
10.	onssa	14155	794.3	13360.7	14981	797.9	14183.1	1.00
11.	Punjab	8073	833.5	72395	9885	845.8	9039.2	3.77
12.	Rajasthan	21897	1223.7	20673.3	23212	1275.7	21936.3	0.99
13.	Tamil Nadu	28430	2381.5	26048.5	28895	2524.5	26370.5	0.20
14.	Uttar Pradesh	54238	2656.7	51581.3	58924	2552.7	56371.3	**1.49**
15.	West Bengal	26639	2332.1	24306.9	28237	2352.3	25884.7	1.05
	All Major States	**357665**	**25375.2**	**332289.8**	**387950**	**25887.4**	**362062.6**	**1.44**
	All India	**374450**	**27374.8**	**347075.2**	**397000**	**27959.7**	**369140.3**	**0.98**